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In re Application of
Fredrica V. Coates
Application No. 10/773,160
Filed: February 9, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 50014-056

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 19, 2008, to revive the above identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-Final Office Action mailed February 16, 2007. A shortened statutory period of three months was set for replying to the non-Final Office Action. No extensions of time having been filed, the application became abandoned May 17, 2007. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 5, 2007.

Petitioner files the instant petition and request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.137(b).¹

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

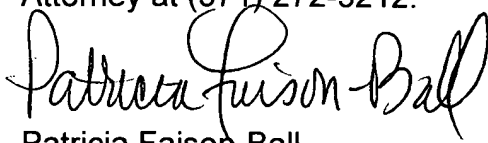
(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

The request for continued examination (RCE) of this application under 37 CFR 1.114 is improper since prosecution in the application had not been closed. However, the amendment filed January 19, 2008 will serve as the required reply. Accordingly, the RCE fee in the amount of \$405.00 will be credited back to the credit card used.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3761 for appropriate action on the amendment filed January 19, 2008.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

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